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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 W. Preston Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Martin O'Malley, Governor – Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor – Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., Secretary

September 19, 2012

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ORDER TO CEASE OPERATIONS

Dear Mr. Campbell and Mr. Fadley:

On September 17, 2012, the University of Maryland Medical System's infection control unit reported to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene that three patients who had been seen for procedures in the last six weeks at Monarch Med Spa, 9608 Deereco Road, Timonium, Maryland, had contracted invasive streptococcal infections, and that one of the three patients had died as a result of the infection. On September 18, 2012, investigators from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Baltimore County Department of Health inspected the facility at 9608 Deereco Road and observed probable deviations from standard infection control practices, among other potential deficiencies. Because of the severity of invasive streptococcal disease, all health care providers, among others, are required to report its occurrence to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. See COMAR 10.06.01.03 & .04. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 10 to 15 percent of patients with Invasive group A streptococcal disease die from the infection.

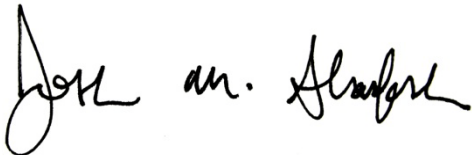
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Based on this information, we have determined that conditions at the Monarch Med Spa facility at 9608 Deereco Road endanger the public health and that all operations at the facility should cease until the cause of the infections is investigated and the threat to the public health has abated.

Therefore, pursuant to § 18-102(b) of the Health-General Article of the Maryland Code and COMAR 10.06.01.06(C), it is hereby **ORDERED** that Monarch Med Spa, Inc. and Baltimore Laser Solutions, Inc. shall immediately cease operating their facility at 9608 Deereco Road in Timonium, Maryland; and it is further **ORDERED** that Monarch Med Spa and Baltimore Laser Solutions shall not resume operations at 9608 Deereco Road until a determination has been made pursuant to COMAR 10.06.01.06(C) that the threat to the public health has abated.

This Order is effective immediately. Monarch Med Spa and Baltimore Laser Solutions may request a hearing concerning this Order by submitting a written request, by October 1, 2012, to Frances B. Phillips, Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201.

Sincerely,



Joshua M. Sharfstein, MD
Secretary



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